

Amendments to the Title:

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ANVIL FOR SUPPORTING CUTS IN SHEET AND ROLL STOCK

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] FIG. 7 is a side view of an interface between an anvil and a stylus in a butt cutting orientation according to an embodiment of the invention illustrated in FIG. [[5]] 3.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] Another material for use in the anvil 12 includes any suitable dimensionally stable, rigid and/or wear resistant material. Particular examples of such suitable materials include ~~Micarta®~~ MICARTA® and other such high pressure laminates produced by Industrial Laminates/Norplex, Inc. of Postville, Iowa 52162, USA. An advantage of the use of high pressure laminates is that contact between the stylus 14 and a high pressure laminate tends to have fewer negative effects than contact between the stylus 14 and a relatively hard metal. In addition, in an embodiment of the invention, it is preferable that the material for use in the anvil 12 be readily carved or scraped as well as dimensionally stable, rigid and/or wear resistant. In this embodiment described herein, the stylus 12 may be utilized to generate the groove 16 in the insert 60. In this manner, the groove 16 may essentially correspond to a profile of the tip 44.

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] FIG. 3 is a side view of the anvil 12 according to another embodiment of the invention. The embodiment illustrated in FIG. 3 is similar to the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 2. Therefore, in the interest of brevity, those elements described in FIG. 2 will not be described again with reference to FIG. 3. As shown in FIG. 3, the anvil 12 includes an insert 60. The insert 60 is secured to the anvil 12 in any suitable manner. For example, according to an embodiment of

the invention, the insert 60 is machined to mate with a “T” slot machined into the anvil 12. In this manner, the insert 60 may be removably secured without the aid of an adhesive. In another example, the insert 60 may be affixed to the anvil 12 with an adhesive or mechanical fastener. Material for use as the insert 60 include any suitable materials having relatively good wear properties and a relatively low coefficient of friction. Examples of suitable materials generally include plastics, resins, and the like. Specific examples of suitable materials include one or more of: ultra high molecular weight (UHMW) polyethylene polymers; ~~Delrin®~~ DELIRIN®; nylon, acetal; and the like.

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following amended paragraph:

[0035] FIG. 5 is a side view of an interface between the anvil 12 and the stylus 14 in a slitting orientation according to yet another embodiment of the invention. As shown in FIG. 5, the insert 60 is readily deformable or compliant. That is, force exerted by the tip 44 upon the insert 60 generates the groove 16. In particular, the force exerted by the tip 44 may be translated via the backing 50 upon the insert 60. Additionally, the insert 60 of this embodiment is a “bond layer” of compliant material. For example, any suitably compliant material may be glued or otherwise affixed to the anvil 12. In this manner, a relatively flexible and resilient material may be affixed to a relatively rigid base. A particular example of a suitably compliant material includes a ~~Vyon®~~ VYON® membrane manufactured by Porvair Technologies of the United Kingdom.